

Parking Stickers Cause Long Lines, Hassles

By COLLEEN CREEGAN
Staff Writer

Lines snaked out of the Underground last Monday and Tuesday afternoons as hundreds of sweaty University of Mary Washington students waited to purchase their parking decals.

"By 8 a.m., we were already dripping," said senior Britt Shankle, who purchased her decal Tuesday morning. "I gave up my morning sleeping in for this."

Shankle thought getting there early would

enable her to beat the rush. However, she arrived at the Underground before sales even started and was faced with a nearly two hour wait.

On Aug. 29 and 30 alone, 1,121 decals were sold out of a total 1,248 that had been sold by Sept. 5.

Sales took place between the normal business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This created long lines of frustrated students, busy fanning themselves and filling out paperwork.

The cashiers' line was only a few minutes wait. Actually getting the decal would require more patience, and another line to wait in.

Sophomore Jamie Clevenger waited so long that she missed her first class.

"I waited on line for two hours," Clevenger said. "The process was simple, but it just took a long time to get through the line. When I was there, there was only one policeman working the desk and it seemed to go very slow."

Campus police tried to have at least two to three officers available, but due to an officer calling in sick, this was not always possible. Staffing issues were also a factor in the fact that decals were only being offered for two

days before ticketing began Wednesday morning.

"Because the police department has to dedicate personnel to sell the decals, as well as the cashier's office, that's really all we can afford to do," said James Snipes, chief of police at UMW.

The flow of students was steady both days, right up until the close of business Tuesday. Snipes said he did not notice a peak time, noting that it was crowded all day.

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Andrew Deci/Bullet

Sen. Bill Bolling speaks to a crowd of students at the Underground Wednesday.

GOP Comes To Campus

By KATIE TELLER
News Editor

Wednesday night, three Republican candidates running for election to state offices, transformed a University of Mary Washington College Republicans meeting into a rally with an excited crowd at the Underground.

Del. Ryan McDougale, R-Hanover, Speaker of the House Del. Bill Howell, R-Fredericksburg, and Sen. Bill Bolling, R-Hanover, came out to the meeting to encourage student involvement in the political process and garner support for the upcoming election on Nov. 8.

McDougale and Howell are running for reelection unopposed, and Bolling is running for lieutenant governor against Democratic candidate Leslie Byrne, who has 20 years of experience in Virginia and national legislatures.

"This is one big celebration and kickoff extravaganza," said Andrew Lamar, chairman of the College Republicans and one of the organizers of the event. "We've got what will be leaders of both branches of the legislature."

If elected, Bolling will preside over the Senate as part of his duties as lieutenant governor.

The candidates sent a clear message: Bolling described electing the candidates as a "chance to get Virginia back on the right track...our Republican ticket is Virginia's ticket."

Bolling, who has two sons in Virginia state colleges, roused the most applause when he talked about tuition.

"My No. 1 priority is reducing tuition for in-state students," Bolling said.

Bolling also drew applause and cheers when he mentioned his favor of abortion restrictions, Second-Amendment rights and a ban on gay marriage.

Howell's comments were brief, but he stressed the importance of grassroots involvement.

"We could all use your help," Howell said, encouraging even the smallest shows of support for candidates, including signs and bumper stickers.

He also joked about his days as a Republican at the University of Richmond.

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Katrina Hits Home

No Place Like Home

—First Person—

By WHITNEY JORDAN
Special to The Bullet

I never believed that there would be a point in my life where I would say that I did not know if I could go home again.

For the majority of people, home is a place of safety and comfort. For others, it is an idea of family and where the heart is. For me, it was my family history, my story, my life, something that helped shape me into the person I am today.

But now, my home does not resemble the place that holds my childhood memories. And I do not know when I will be allowed to go home again.

The Big Easy, known for Mardi Gras, Bourbon Street, Cajun culture and Emeril's unique cuisine, is a place unlike any other. But for me, it was home. I saw the side of New Orleans that no tourist ever saw. I know that we call that land in the middle of the street the neutral ground and not the median. That the Roman Candy Man in the horse-drawn buggy is more exciting than the ice cream man to kids in New Orleans. And that the streetcar that continually goes up and down St. Charles Avenue is not a tourist attraction but a fun way to go home on Friday afternoons once you were old enough.

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Courtesy Jay Pugh/U.S. Navy News

U.S. Navy search and rescue swimmer Tim Hawkins, aviation warfare systems operator 1st class, retrieves and evacuates a victim of Hurricane Katrina from a rooftop in New Orleans.

University Launches Storm Relief Efforts

By BETSY CRUMB
Editor in Chief

While University of Mary Washington students may be complaining about shelling out their hard-earned money for everyday necessities such as parking decals and textbooks, the campus community is having no trouble digging into their pockets to donate to hurricane victims.

According to Community Outreach and Resources (COAR) staff member sophomore Samantha Blackburn, in just three days of fundraising, COAR has raised over \$2,000 and the group is still collecting donations.

"We are trying to stress that even just a very little bit of change will help someone," Blackburn said. "A lot of people are just emptying their pockets as they go by, and that's great."

COAR set up a donation table at Club Carnival on Monday and COAR staff members along with members of Psi Chi, the psychology honor society, have been manning a table in the Eagle's Nest every day this week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Senior Molly Hurt, co-president of Psi Chi Honor Society, worked at the table in the Eagle's Nest on Wednesday and said the

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Helping Out The South From The West

Editor's Note: This story is a firsthand account of a University student's experience on a weekend trip home to West Virginia.

By ANDREW DECI
Photography Editor

They stumbled from the buses, tired and aimless, looking for the next line to stand in and the next form to fill out. Clutching the trash bags that contained their lives, the

evacuees had reached the beginning of the end of a long week of pain and confusion.

A thousand miles from home, these domestic refugees sought housing, medical care, comfort and solace in the state of West Virginia.

Camp Dawson, situated near Kingwood, W.Va., became a semi-permanent housing shelter for nearly 300 out of 157,000 residents of New Orleans who were left without

housing after Hurricane Katrina pummeled the Gulf Coast last week.

West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin declared a state of emergency, activating the National Guard and making available the training facility as a place of refuge. The facility contains approximately 4,000 acres and has accommodations to serve up to 1,000

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5 Day Forecast

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Sunny	Isolated Thunderstorms	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny
High: 89 Low: 62	High: 90 Low: 63	High: 86 Low: 63	High: 88 Low: 64	High: 92 Low: 67

Verbatim...

"The fact is, the Republicans think you are too dumb to control your own money."

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Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
News Editor



Aug. 31—At 2 p.m., an 18-year-old male resident of Mason Hall reported that between Aug. 30 and 31 someone damaged his Dell laptop, valued at \$2,500. There are suspects and the case is under investigation.

Sept. 1—At 1:05 p.m., a 21-year-old female commuter student approached an officer on parking patrol and reported that a man photographed her and cursed at her as she was exiting her vehicle on Augustine Street. According to police, the officer confronted the male, a resident of Augustine Street. The male explained to the officer that the female was parking illegally. The officer informed the man to go to police with any further parking problems, police said.

Sept. 2—At 9:24 a.m., two 18-year-old male residents of Russell Hall reported to police that a female trespassed in their room. According to police, the female allegedly entered the victims' room at 5 a.m. and fell asleep on one of the beds. Police said the female then left and the males followed her but were unable to recognize her. Residence life is handling the situation.

Sept. 2—At 3:20 p.m., a UMW employee witnessed a 20-year-old male and a 21-year-old male, both residents of the UMW Apartments, discharge a fire extinguisher outside of their apartment. According to police, the students emptied the entire contents of the fire extinguisher, which facilities services replaced at a cost of \$24.

Sept. 3—At 2:43 a.m., a residence life staff member reported a sexual assault which occurred in Stafford County and involved a 20-year-old female resident of Westmoreland Hall. Police notified the Stafford County Sheriff's Office and the case is under investigation.

Sept. 3—At 2:50 a.m., a residence life staff member reported a missing person to police. Police said a 21-year-old male resident of Westmoreland Hall left the building after a fight at 1:30 a.m. and had not returned at the time of the report. Police searched the contents of the card access system, which showed the missing student had entered the building at 2:53 a.m. A search of the building revealed the missing student sleeping on a couch in the common area.

Sept. 3—At 5:15 a.m., an officer on bike patrol observed two 19-year-old male residents of Bushnell Hall frolicking in the fountain in front of Monroe Hall while two other 19-year-old male residents of Bushnell Hall stood to the side of the fountain. According to police, the officer saw beer cans nearby and asked the students to identify themselves. When they refused, the four students were escorted to the police station, where police identified them. One student admitted to possessing alcohol. The student was referred to administration.

Sept. 5—A student reported to police that, between 9 and 9:45 a.m., someone stole his jeans, cell phone and wallet, valued at \$235, from an unlocked locker in Goodrick Hall. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Sept. 5—At 2:45 p.m., a 20-year-old female resident of Westmoreland Hall reported to police that, between Sept. 2 and Sept. 5, someone stole her Pacific mountain bike, valued at \$70. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Sept. 5—At 9:35 p.m., a 20-year-old female resident of Westmoreland Hall reported to police a stolen bicycle. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.



A stack of textbooks sold at the bookstore.

Bullet File Photo/Andrew Dec

Virginia Textbook Laws Take Effect

By EVA WOLFBURG
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Starting this semester, two new bills regarding college textbook sales went into effect. The laws were enacted to help students bear the cost of ever-rising textbook prices.

The first bill, HB1726, forbids professors at Virginia universities and colleges to receive any sort of compensation from textbook publishers for assigning their textbooks for a course.

The law also requires colleges to post the required books for courses on their Web sites, which would allow students to go to online markets to potentially find cheaper textbooks for their classes.

The second bill, HJ 668, calls for the State Council of Higher Education to "study the rising costs of college textbooks and textbook purchasing practices of public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth."

Both bills were passed into law in the Virginia House and Senate last spring. Both bills were sponsored by Del. Glenn Oder, R-Newport News.

"This is a step toward halting the rapid rise of textbook prices," Oder said in a January interview with the Richmond Times-Dispatch. "I would expect that students could save as much as 20 to 40 percent."

The two bills were helped pushed by the non-partisan youth "action-tank" Virginia 21. According to the Virginia 21 Web site, the act [HB1726] helps to level the playing field for students by eliminating the artificial monopoly created by University bookstores."

UMW has a campus chapter of the Virginia 21; however, the campus coordinator declined comment. The University of Mary, Washington complied with both bills this semester by posting the textbooks prices and titles on the bookstore website and by sending out the State Council textbook survey to all students via email on Sept. 1.

The bill does not give a time frame for the textbooks to be posted on UMW's university and college Web sites. Therefore, UMW posted the textbook ordering on Aug. 15 and took down the option on Aug. 26.

"[The bookstore Web site] gave me a roundabout price for how much my textbooks would cost," said Marissa Dearborn, a senior international affairs major.

"If you only have two weeks to order it online based on the university Web site, would

you mail it home or to UMW because of the time constraint?"

Kristen Studies, a senior chemistry major, agreed with Dearborn.

"Earlier would have been better," she said. Studies said the lack of public knowledge about the new bill prevented students from using it to their full advantage.

"I didn't know about it before the semester started," she said. "It wasn't advertised. It seemed to me that the University bookstore was the only option."

The bill also does not require the University to post the textbook ISBN numbers, which are essential when ordering the textbooks online. The University did not post the full titles of some of the longer-titled textbooks, which some students said caused difficulty when searching for the textbook online.

"I found it unfair that I couldn't find the ISBN numbers, it was a huge inconvenience to wait to find the ISBN numbers [at school]," said Rebecca Henderson, a junior anthropology major. "Some of my textbooks are still not here, which makes it difficult for me to do well in school."

University bookstores have been the only option for awhile because they have market power, which means that the University bookstores have almost complete control over the textbook market. These new bills hope to relieve the University bookstores from some of their market power and make a more competitively priced textbook industry in Virginia.

Stephen Stageberg, an economics professor at UMW, supported the notion of students going to an alternative market to get cheaper textbooks.

"It is the markets at work," he said. "Good competition forces our [university] bookstore to be competitive."

There are little economic consequences to the University when students go to online markets, such as half.com, to purchase textbooks. The University garners little revenue from the actual sale of textbooks.

According to the UMW bookstore Web site "over 75 cents of every dollar spent on a textbook goes to cover publisher expenses. The remainder of the dollar, just under 25 cents, covers the college stores' cost of operation."

The representatives of the University bookstore could not be contacted to comment before publication.



Andrew Dec/Bullet

Del. Ryan McDougale, R-Hanover, speaks to the crowd at the Underground Wednesday night.

Bolling, McDougale, Howell Come To UMW

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"We helped to elect Abraham Lincoln," he said.

Like Howell, McDougale stressed the importance of the little guy.

"It all starts with individuals who start on the grassroots level," he said.

He encouraged the people there to do small things to make a difference, like respond to blogs.

"Respond to some of those and make sure our voice is being heard," he said.

McDougale also encouraged people to register to vote and get their friends to register to vote.

That's exactly what freshman Allison Aldrich, who joined College Republicans Wednesday, was doing.

"I wish I could've voted in the last election for Bush," Aldrich, who will be going to the polls for the first time in November, said.

"We take voting for granted and young men and women in this room do not take it for granted," said Carol Orlando, a representative for the Stafford County Republicans and a Mary

Washington alumna. "That's what you want to see in a graduating class."

John Triolo, second vice president of the College Republicans, had his reasons for voting.

"If we can just get enough people to take leadership roles, it'll help people like Bill Bolling to roll back some of the massive tax increases,"

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—Carol Orlando

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Triolo said about tax increases under Gov. Mark Warner's expiring term.

"Virginia shouldn't have a Democratic governor," Triolo said.

McDougale said he supported lower taxes, but there was a bigger issue: "What the government should and should not do," he said.

"I think all policy matters fall into these two realms," McDougale said.

And, true to Republican philosophy, the three candidates called for smaller government and less involvement in business.

Bolling speculated on what would happen if the minimum wage went up, right-to-work laws were abolished and employers had to provide health care to their employees, which he said was on opponent Byrne's agenda.

"The giant sucking sound that you hear will be every business high-tailing it to North Carolina," he said.

Students Line Up To Buy Parking Decals

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Despite the swarms of students, he felt the sale of decals went better this year than last.

"We didn't get any complaints other than that it was too warm in the Underground," he said.

Senior Andrew McBride agreed that this year seemed easier. He felt that it was due to many upperclassmen being familiar with the process and knowing what to expect beforehand.

"Once I figured out which line to stand in, the process went fairly smoothly, certainly better than last year," he said. "The biggest problem was the location. The Lee Hall ballroom or the Great Hall would have been much better suited for this."

Students were annoyed by the increased cost of parking, which has now inflated to \$150 for the school year.

Most colleges and universities in Virginia do pay for parking, but the rates vary considerably. According to James Madison University's Web site, full-time students pay \$152 for the year.

Students at Radford University pay 25-dollars for each semester, according to the university's Web site and, like UMW students, they are not guaranteed a space.

Senior Clare Pugsley likes that idea.

"It might be better for some people if decals could be bought for a single semester instead of the whole year," she said.

Pugsley spent a semester in Dublin last year, yet still had to pay for an entire year's worth of parking that she didn't need.

Shankle sees many unresolved issues with parking at UMW and would like to see changes made to the system.

"What frustrates me is that during my sophomore year parking was free and there weren't even any of these issues that we have now," she said. "I think the decals could be sold over the summer, by mail, or on the internet."

She also wondered why students who arrived back at campus early were not permitted to purchase their decals early, to help ease congestion during those two initial days.

Materials needed for the sale of decals were not completely ready until the Friday before classes began, Snipes said.

"This year, there were printing problems with the parking instruction manuals, so we just had to sell the decals to everyone at the same time. Before the fee we could sell them earlier, but since we have to coordinate with the cashiers it's just easier this way," he said.

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Editorial

The Next Big Thing

As the presidential search continues, we at *The Bulletin* want our input to be heard since we are the ones who have to cover presidential stories.

First, the new president needs to be seen, not just heard. Visibility is a major part to an effective presidency. The president of the United States doesn't address the nation over e-mail and neither should ours.

Instead of riding to and from buildings in a shiny, polished Lincoln, how about a president who strolls around campus in a pair of shiny, polished loafers? You know, smiling, waving, kissing babies....the usual.

Secondly, the whole male predominance in the presidential office needs to go. Mary Washington is a historically female college, why not have a female president? Someone who will embrace the historical female foundations of the college instead of shying away from its beginnings and trying to erase the past. Why not keep the spinning wheel? Why not be proud of the name "Mary?"

So basically all we're asking for is a visible female who knows how to get the job done.

Are We Really That Unhappy?

Student Thinks Twice About Princeton Review Survey Results

By AUTUMN BROWN
Guest Columnist

My dad told me once that he had considered applying to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy until he learned that they require cadets to sit only on the edges of their chairs and eat "square meals" style. I don't know for sure if this is true, but I still can't help wondering how the Princeton Review could report Mary Washington students to be only one ranking happier than the Coast Guard Academy cadets. Yes, like many students and faculty, I'm confused by the results of the Princeton Review. And if you're not concerned, you should be.

Each year, many high school seniors turn to the Princeton Review college rankings to aid them in choosing the right school. This year, when curious students check out the University of Mary Washington's rankings, they will see that our school has been ranked number three in the country for least happy students. Because the actual survey question is so vague ("Overall, how happy are you?"), it's difficult to determine exactly what this ranking means.

UMW also ranked high for long lines and red tape, little diversity or interaction between races and classes, and dissatisfaction with financial aid. Could these things be the cause of our unhappiness?

Stanford, the number one school for happiest students, ranked high for "runs like butter," student diversity, and lots of interaction between races and classes. Yet Flagler College in Florida ranked high for homogeneity and dissatisfaction

with financial aid, but their name doesn't appear on the least happy students list. So, maybe the problem isn't that simple, or maybe the question refers to a different problem.

The Princeton Review's rankings remind me

of a time last year when we found ourselves asking similar questions. In January, a survey from the National College Health Association reported that Mary Washington students have alarmingly high rates of mental illnesses, including depression. Maybe the results of this ranking reveal a problem beyond an administration that is seemingly unconcerned with students' welfare, or a lack of diversity.

Maybe many Mary Washington students are unhappy because they are struggling with psychological problems. But this just raises more questions. Does something about the environment here cause students to experience mental illnesses? Or are students already experiencing psychological problems when they choose to come here? The social environment here is certainly less intimidating than that of larger schools, so maybe UMW

appears to be a safe haven for students struggling with mental illnesses.

I'm not sure what the correct answers are, but I'm not so willing to jump to the conclusion that UMW students are unhappy. I would like to know who was surveyed for these rankings. How many people did they ask? Who responded? I personally don't like filling out surveys. In fact, I only choose to respond to surveys if there is some kind of reward involved or if I'm really angry about something.

For example, I bought a CD that had a special copy control device and I couldn't get it to play on my computer. When I was given the opportunity to take an online survey about it, I jumped at the chance to give them a piece of my mind. Aha! Maybe we're on to something here. Any researcher will tell you that people who choose to respond to a survey tend to be different than those who choose not to respond. So, perhaps some of the students who responded to the survey had just paid a \$25 parking ticket or been sent on a wild goose chase between Financial Aid and Student

Accounts. Maybe the ranking doesn't say quite as much as we think.

I've experienced the frustration of trying to get even the smallest administrative task accomplished. I've had my mood turn from cheery to angry while waiting in lines at the Nest. I've been displeased with the small party scene, but I'm not unhappy. My friends aren't unhappy. I walk down campus and see plenty of happy faces and groups of laughing students. Maybe I'm reading things wrong, and everyone really is secretly unhappy. But, if this is the case, we all need to take on the responsibility of finding the root of the problem and searching for solutions. I don't know about you, but I don't want to spend four years at a school known for unhappy students.

Autumn Brown is a senior psychology major who thinks action potentials are really, really cool.

“Perhaps some of the students who responded to the survey had just paid a \$25 parking ticket...”

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Cartoon by Matt Czapiewski

Republicans Are Ruining Social Security

By JOE KATZ
Guest Columnist

This column was written in response to "Pay Attention: Social Security" (Sept 1, 2005, *The Bulletin*).

Republicans often say that they are the party of "fiscal responsibility," so the fact that the economy always performs better under Democratic rather than Republican leadership is highly embarrassing to them. George Bush, however, has taken Republican fiscal mismanagement to new heights with the worst job loss record of any president in recent history, and by turning a \$400 billion surplus into billions of dollars of deficit.

Thus, it is no surprise that the Republicans are trying to distract America from their economic and foreign policy failures by denigrating Social Security, one of the greatest achievements of the Democratic party, an achievement which helped

save capitalism and lives on as a glowing reminder that it is always Democrats who pull America out of economic holes dug by Republicans.

In last week's *Bullet*, College Republicans Chairman Andrew Lamar propagated two myths that the Bush administration wants you to believe are Gospel truth: that Social Security is facing a crisis, and that destroying Social Security and replacing it with a privatized system is the way to solve the "crisis."

The idea that Social Security is facing a "crisis" is not a new one. In fact, while running for Congress in 1978, Bush declared that Social Security would be bankrupt in less than 20 years. He was wrong then, and he's wrong today. The most pessimistic projections come from the Social Security Board of Trustees, many of whom are Bush appointees.

Even their pessimistic analysis admits that Social Security will pay 100 percent of scheduled benefits through 2042, and that for 40 years after

that, the system will continue to pay benefits higher than what retirees are currently receiving. It seems rash to destroy a system that will be functioning wonderfully for the next 75 years by even the most pessimistic projections. Also, their current projections are more optimistic than the report they released in 1997, so the system may actually be improving.

Of course, any shortfall that might occur could be negated by raising the retirement age by one year, or making the FICA tax progressive (like all other taxes) instead of regressive.

Instead, Bush just wants to destroy the system. Instead of paying taxes to the federal government, he thinks workers should deposit money from their payroll taxes into a private investment account. Mr. Bush would have these workers believe that returns from the stock market will be greater than the benefits they would receive from Social Security.

Of course, Bush and Andrew Lamar

conveniently forget to remind Americans of a few things. First, the fact is that any surplus returns the stock market might produce will not go to retirees; that surplus will be eaten up by the broker fees necessary to implement Bush's Social Security Destruction plan. After broker fees have been subtracted, the average American would probably receive less money from Bush's plan than from Social Security.

Also, while Social Security is a lifelong benefit, Bush's private system creates an investment account with finite funds that will run out if you decide to live too long. Finally, if the stock market declines or crashes, millions of Americans will lose their entire retirement fund.

So much for letting Americans have control of their own retirement. The fact is, the Republicans think you are too dumb to control your own money, so they want to take it from you and give

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The 'Cool'rick Place At UMW

By KERRI SCALES
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Brian Strider, a senior at the University of Mary Washington, follows a strict workout schedule.

Monday: Chest and triceps. Tuesday: Back. Wednesday: Legs. Thursday: Chest. Friday: Biceps and calves. Saturday: Shoulders.

"Entering college I weighed 125 pounds and stood at six feet tall,"

Strider, who follows a precise diet consisting of 8-12 meals a day containing 1,000 calories per meal, said. "I have gained around 130-135 pounds of lean mass since freshmen year."

Strider came to college hoping to gain more weight, while many come into their freshmen year fearing that they will gain too much.

Such anxieties about

gaining the "freshmen 15" could quite possibly be the reason for the unusually large number of students who have spent a good portion of their first week of school at Goolrick gymnasium.

"The first few weeks are usually the busiest," associate manager Bob Liebau said.

"There is usually a dramatic drop once students begin seeing a heavier workload."



Dan Coo/Bullet

A UMW student pumps iron at the Goolrick Fitness Center.

In the first week alone, a daily average of 639 UMW students worked out at the fitness center. Monday was the busiest with 712, while Friday saw a dramatic drop to 467, which could be due to the holiday weekend.

Liebau noticed a trend where Monday tends to be the busiest day, while Friday is usually the most calm. His prediction is based on the fact that University of Mary Washington is a commuter school, and people tend to leave on the weekends. In his opinion, the weekend starts on Thursday.

With an unusual amount of students using the fitness center within the first few weeks of school, time spent on the machines is supposed to be kept to a 30-minute maximum, especially with the Star Trec Elite treadmills and the Cybex Arc Trainers, which tend to be the most popular machines.

Senior Jesse Schmitt, who has worked at the fitness center for four semesters, added that the only time the 30 minute rule is necessary is during peak hours, which run from 3-7 p.m.

"The machines are usually only used for about 30 minutes anyways and we have never had complaints from students," Schmitt said.

As a precaution, Liebau keeps two people on duty at any given time during the day and schedules three people to be working during the peak hours.

There are 25 student employees on staff at the fitness center and each is trained and certified in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED). In case of emergencies, Liebau keeps a defibrillator in the fitness center and also warns his employees to be wary of people who look tired or sluggish while working out.

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Dodd In Demand

Dodd Auditorium's New Look Makes It Harder Than Ever To Reserve This Year

By STEFANIE SKY
Staff Writer

As a result of the University of Mary Washington's \$1.5 million renovations to Dodd Auditorium, a plethora of popular musical acts and speakers are booking Dodd this year.

But the University's Performing Arts Club (PAC), which has used Dodd for the past decade to showcase its bi-annual dance performances, is now faced with scheduling conflicts for this year's fall show as a result of Dodd's new look.

"When they started renovations I wasn't concerned because I knew it would be nice," said senior Susanne Mirabello, president of the PAC. "But now other people are becoming interested in a place we never had a problem with booking in the past."

According to Mirabello, PAC had to wait until the first day of classes in order to request time slots in Dodd whereas other departments of the school, such as Giant Productions, Cheap Seats, and the UMW Orchestra were allowed to sign up for time slots over the summer.

As a result of Dodd filling up so quickly with requests from other departments, PAC's fall show will be postponed to January.

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The 'Cool'rick Place At UMW

By KERRI SCALES
Assistant Features Editor

Brian Strider, a senior at the University of Mary Washington, follows a strict workout schedule.

Monday: Chest and triceps. Tuesday: Back. Wednesday: Legs. Thursday: Chest. Friday: Biceps and calves. Saturday: Shoulders.

"Entering college I weighed 125 pounds and stood at six feet tall,"

Strider, who follows a precise diet consisting of 8-12 meals a day containing 1,000 calories per meal, said. "I have gained around 130-135 pounds of lean mass since freshmen year."

Strider came to college hoping to gain more weight, while many come into their freshmen year fearing that they will gain too much.

Such anxieties about

gaining the "freshmen 15" could quite possibly be the reason for the unusually large number of students who have spent a good portion of their first week of school at Goolrick gymnasium.

"The first few weeks are usually the busiest," associate manager Bob Liebau said. "There is usually a dramatic drop once students begin seeing a heavier workload."



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A UMW student pumps iron at the Goolrick Fitness Center.

In the first week alone, a daily average of 639 UMW students worked out at the fitness center Monday was the busiest with 712, while Friday saw a dramatic drop to 467, which could be due to the holiday weekend.

Liebau noticed a trend where Monday tends to be the busiest day, while Friday is usually the most calm. His prediction is based on the fact that University of Mary Washington is a commuter school, and people tend to leave on the weekends. In his opinion, the weekend starts on Thursday.

With an unusual amount of students using the fitness center within the first few weeks of school, time spent on the machines is supposed to be kept to a 30-minute maximum, especially with the Star Trac Elite treadmills and the Cybex Arc Trainers, which tend to be the most popular machines.

Senior Jesse Schmitt, who has worked at the fitness center for four semesters, added that the only time the 30 minute rule is necessary is during peak hours, which run from 3-7 p.m.

"The machines are usually only used for about 30 minutes anyways and we have never had complaints from students," Schmitt said.

As a precaution, Liebau keeps two people on duty at any given time during the day and schedules three people to be working during the peak hours.

There are 25 student employees on staff at the fitness center and each is trained and certified in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED). In case of emergencies, Liebau keeps a defibrillator in the fitness center and also warns his employees to be wary of people who look tired or sluggish while working out.

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Dodd In Demand

Dodd Auditorium's New Look Makes It Harder Than Ever To Reserve This Year

By STEFANIE SKY
Staff Writer

As a result of the University of Mary Washington's \$1.5 million renovations to Dodd Auditorium, a plethora of popular musical acts and speakers are booking Dodd this year.

But the University's Performing Arts Club (PAC), which has used Dodd for the past decade to showcase its bi-annual dance performances, is now faced with scheduling conflicts for this year's fall show as a result of Dodd's new look.

"When they started renovations I wasn't concerned because I knew it would be nice," said senior Susanne Mirabello, president of the PAC. "But now other people are becoming interested in a place we never had a problem with booking in the past."

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Scene



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...here today.'s faith, as well as light-hearted nature, are at the forefront of their music. Clockwise from top: John Daubert, Bryan Holt, Ed Dickerson, Matt Murphy and Chip Holt.

Band's "Carpe Diem" Attitude Fuels New Self-Titled Album

By MEGHAN COYLE
Staff Writer

A lot can happen in the span of two years, as proven by the sophomore release of Fredericksburg's own .here today. Since their first album "Desert Room," released in 2003, the band has had many life-altering experiences, ranging from the departure of their lead singer to the untimely death of a good friend. The self-titled CD is a record of those obstacles and how the band chose to cope.

Listening to "here today." makes "Desert Room" seem like a jumping-off point from which drummer/ vocalist Bryan Holt, guitarist/ vocalist Chip Holt, vocalist/ violinist/ guitarist Ed Dickerson, vocalist/ guitarist/ pianist John Daubert and bassist Matt Murphy, have surpassed. "Desert Room" presents the listener with a CD full of faith and spirituality, yet sadly not much more. The new album holds more of a feeling of urgency and a "carpe diem" attitude that is hard to ignore, and even harder to forget.

"On the new album there is a completely different sound and writing style," Chip Holt said.

With the departure of former lead singer Mark Kazmier, the band was able to broaden their lyrical spectrum. While there is still an undertone of spirituality, the band is much more interested in writing for themselves.

"Whatever someone's beliefs are will come out in their music," Chip Holt said. "We are Christians, but we don't set out to write Christian songs."

Another by-product of Kazmier's absence is a much more powerful sense of unity, with every member minus Murphy having lead vocals in at least one song. The band also now uses a collaborative writing process.

Much of the quiet acoustics that made up the original .here today, are now gone.

Where there was once a twang of bluegrass, there is now a guitar riff.

"There are many musical influences in the band," Dickerson said. "I adore bluegrass, whereas Chip is really into '80s metal and Matt listens to punk. Our new album is definitely higher energy and more rock."

Their sound is now more edgy, with an incredible emphasis on the electric guitar. Occasional jazz elements and the electric violin for which Dickerson is known complement .here today.'s new, more aggressive edge. For instance, you can listen to "10-33," a powerfully spiritual song with a soaring guitar solo, and the next track is "Flower Aside," a funk-inspired love song. The change of sound is a perfect representation of how .here today has progressed into the multidimensional band they are.

One of the other major events that impacted .here today, was the death of good friend Alexander Naden, an Mary Washington senior who died in a car accident in 2003.

"Many of the members were close to Alex," Chip Holt said. "He was a very genuine person and as soon as he met someone it was as if he had been friends with them his entire life."

It was Naden that inspired both the opening and closing tracks of the album.

"Everchanging" contains the lyrics, "One speeding car and lesson learned / No we cannot live forever," with a chorus of, "And I will love you with all that I am / For you have shown me never to forget again." The song "Toast," also inspired by Naden, is a beautiful farewell, but also a song of hope in what lies ahead. The contrast of sorrow over the death of their good friend, coupled with the distinct gratitude and acknowledgement that life should be cherished is the difference between .here today, and many current bands that dwell on the negative and see no reason for change.

Many of the new songs deal with a sense of resilience and a stand against conformity in pursuit of something greater. "Stand and Stumble" contains the lyrics, "Can't you see the trees and dollar bills collapse on me? / Mercy please, won't you bring that sunshine back to me," once again showing the band's quest for guidance and their remarkable faith.

"Breakout," the standout song of the album, is a power pop anthem of the yearning of five men in their youth who want more out of life. The song exemplifies .here today, and their pursuit of something greater. Finally, the light-hearted side to .here today, is displayed in "Flowers Aside," an incredibly sweet and fun love song about Murphy and his new wife, Becky.

"I think .here today, is successful because we do have fun music and lots of energy in our live performances," Murphy said. "Our music is also relevant to every listener."

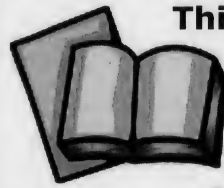
Along with the new album, .here today, has a whole new touring schedule that is much more intense than their last. With nine dates in September so far, and the ambitious goal of ten tour dates a month, the band is doing anything but slowing down.

Whereas some bands crumble after going through hard times, the men of .here today, have thrived. Perhaps the best example of this comes from the refrain of their song "Prodigal," in which the band simply proclaims, "I'm still here."

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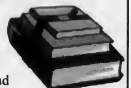
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1. "Green Eggs and Ham" By Dr. Seuss

I would eat them with a mouse, in a house, in a boat, and especially with a goat. "Green Eggs and Ham" has been a staple in children's lives since 1976. While meant for the new reader, it is also a tale of self-realization and enlightenment. Next time you ask yourself "Would I, could I, on a train?", you may find the answer on one of these eccentric yet colorful pages. With translations in Spanish and Latin (even the Roman kids can't get enough), 50 simple words never sounded so good.

2. "Nice Girls Don't Get The Corner Office 101" By Lois P. Frankel, Ph.D.

Frankel is an executive coach who has worked with Fortune 500 companies to improve the professional behavior of employees. The chapters are divided into sections explaining the unconscious behavioral mistakes women make in the work environment. Mistake 27, feeding others: "Unless you're Betty Crocker, there shouldn't be home-baked cookies, M&Ms, jelly beans, or other food on your desk. Hillary Rodham Clinton may have been lambasted for her comment about not staying home and baking cookies, but her point was well taken." Definitely a must read for those career-oriented women and future female senators of the United States.



3. "Jane Eyre" By Charlotte Bronte

Oh, Jane. Written in 1847, this novel is a classic among fans of romantic literature. Jane Eyre is an English orphan who later becomes the governess for the much older and mysterious Mr. Rochester. Their romance isn't immediate but develops under the hidden shadow of Rochester's past. This work explores the themes of betrayal, independence and forgiveness through Bronte's exquisite writing. "Jane Eyre" is perfect for hopeless romantics and those easily tortured by emotionally-driven plot lines.

4. "Amusing Ourselves to Death" By Neil Postman

After reading this book you may never feel the need to turn on your television again. Postman highlights and criticizes the absurdities in television content that viewers are constantly subject to. He addresses the notion that every aspect of television programming is formulated to be a source of entertainment for viewers. In other words, most of the information we receive through the television is essentially ridiculous and useless. Political, religious and cultural figures are on TV to put on a show while trivial information is disseminated on a daily basis. Made me wonder: Why take an active role in public discourse when you can learn about Paris Hilton's favorite accessories instead?



5. "To Kill A Mockingbird" By Harper Lee

Scout Finch is an 8-year-old girl growing up in a small town in Alabama during the years of the Great Depression. Her father, Atticus, is a local lawyer asked to defend an accused rapist in a racially charged case. The book, while written from Scout's point of view, outwardly tells the tales of carefree children as it addresses the heavier issues of racial and class conflict. Lee's writing is both whimsical and serious without being erratic or edgy. This is somewhat of a slow read, but not to be mistaken for boring. Those who have not read this book are missing out on an American classic.



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"I'm no judge of fights, but I would least like to have [Kennedy] mad at me."

-Visiting Assistant
Professor of English,
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"Skin" Bares All

By KATY HERSHBERGER
Scene Editor

What starts as a lighthearted scene with an 8-year-old Neil McCormick and his baseball coach playfully pouring Fruit Loops over their heads, soon turns sick as Coach guides the child to the cereal-covered floor and kisses him. Thus begins Gregg Araki's independent film "Mysterious Skin," as well as the most influential summer in his protagonists' lives.

Neil and Coach's relationship continues throughout that baseball season. Though other boys were sometimes involved, most notably

teammate Brian Lackey (Brady Corbet), Neil boasts that he was Coach's favorite. Ten years later, Brian has suppressed the memory and interprets that five-hour gap in time as an alien abduction. Neil's knowledge of what happened, however, has shaped the rest of his life.

He becomes a teenage hustler, and according to his best friend Wendy (Michelle Trachtenberg), "has a bottomless black hole...where normal people have a heart." In their small hometown of Hutchinson, Kan. the young men try to find themselves and each other.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt is amazing as Neil. He is fittingly mysterious and emotive, portraying the beautiful outsider perfectly. This film gives him a chance to show off his acting chops the way "Third Rock from the Sun" never could. Corbet also shines, portraying Brian as aptly awkward and troubled.

"Mysterious Skin," which is based on the novel by Scott Heim, is appropriately unrated. Even scenes without nudity or violence seem vulgar and voyeuristic. We see highly suggestive scenes of sexual abuse that are mercifully just that: suggestive. Though we never actually witness any acts of molestation, the scenes that allude to it are so vivid it makes your stomach churn.

Voice-overs from 18-year-old Neil and Brian

give detailed descriptions of what happened to them as children, without crossing the line of being disgustingly graphic.

Araki masterfully projects the characters' emotions onto the viewer. Whether or not children are involved, the sexual scenes leave you feeling violated and uncomfortable. Brian's search for truth is as frustrating for the audience as it is for him. We can feel how stifling Hutchinson is for the teenagers and why Neil decides to leave. The empathy Araki and his actors draw from the viewer is incredible.

Though the movie as a whole is intense, the characters are fascinating and the story sucks you in. In the same vein as "Requiem for a Dream" and "Boys Don't Cry," you will walk out of this film somber, but satisfied.

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...here today.'s faith, as well as light-hearted nature, are at the forefront of their music. Clockwise from top: John Daubert, Bryan Holt, Ed Dickerson, Matt Murphy and Chip Holt.

Band's "Carpe Diem" Attitude Fuels New Self-Titled Album

By MEGHAN COYLE
Staff Writer

A lot can happen in the span of two years, as proven by the sophomore release of Fredericksburg's own .here today. Since their first album, "Desert Room," released in 2003, the band has had many life-altering experiences, ranging from the departure of their lead singer to the untimely death of a good friend. The self-titled CD is a record of those obstacles and how the band chose to cope.

Listening to "here today," makes "Desert Room" seem like a jumping-off point from which drummer/ vocalist Bryan Holt, guitarist/ vocalist Chip Holt, vocalist/ violinist/ guitarist Ed Dickerson, vocalist/ guitarist/ pianist John Daubert and bassist Matt Murphy, have surpassed. "Desert Room" presents the listener with a CD full of faith and spirituality, yet sadly not much more. The new album holds more of a feeling of urgency and a "carpe diem" attitude that is hard to ignore, and even harder to forget.

"On the new album there is a completely different sound and writing style," Chip Holt said.

With the departure of former lead singer Mark Kazmier, the band was able to broaden their lyrical spectrum. While there is still an undertone of spirituality, the band is much more interested in writing for themselves.

"Whatever someone's beliefs are will come out in their music," Chip Holt said. "We are Christians, but we don't set out to write Christian songs."

Another by-product of Kazmier's absence is a much more powerful sense of unity, with every member minus Murphy having lead vocals in at least one song. The band also now uses a collaborative writing process.

Much of the quiet acoustics that made up the original .here today, are now gone.

Where there was once a twang of bluegrass, there is now a guitar riff.

"There are many musical influences in the band," Dickerson said. "I adore bluegrass, whereas Chip is really into '80s metal and Matt listens to punk. Our new album is definitely higher energy and more rock."

Their sound is now more edgy, with an incredible emphasis on the electric guitar. Occasional jazz elements and the electric violin for which Dickerson is known complement .here today's new, more aggressive edge. For instance, you can listen to "10-33," a powerfully spiritual song with a soaring guitar solo, and the next track is "Flower Aside," a funk-inspired love song. The change of sound is a perfect representation of how .here today has progressed into the multidimensional band they are.

One of the other major events that impacted .here today was the death of good friend Alexander Naden, an early Washington senior who died in a car accident in 2003.

"Many of the members were close to Alex," Chip Holt said. "He was a very genuine person and as soon as he met someone it was as if he had been friends with them his entire life."

It was Naden that inspired both the opening and closing tracks of the album.

"Everchanging" contains the lyrics, "One speeding car and lesson learned / No we cannot live forever," with a chorus of, "And I will love you with all that I am / For you have shown me never to forget again." The song "Toast," also inspired by Naden, is a beautiful farewell, but also a song of hope in what lies ahead. The contrast of sorrow over the death of their good friend, coupled with the distinct gratitude and acknowledgement that life should be cherished is the difference between .here today, and many current bands that dwell on the negative and see no reason for change.

Many of the new songs deal with a sense of resilience and a stand against conformity in pursuit of something greater. "Stand and Stumble" contains the lyrics, "Can't you see the trees and dollar bills collapse on me? / Mercy please, won't you bring that sunshine back to me," once again showing the band's quest for guidance and their remarkable faith.

"Breakout," the standout song of the album, is a power pop anthem of the yearning of five men in their youth who want more out of life. The song exemplifies .here today, and their pursuit of something greater. Finally, the light-hearted side to .here today, is displayed in "Flowers Aside," an incredibly sweet and fun love song about Murphy and his new wife, Becky.

"I think .here today is successful because we do have fun music and lots of energy in our live performances," Murphy said. "Our music is also relevant to every listener."

Along with the new album, .here today has a whole new touring schedule that is much more intense than their last. With nine dates in September so far, and the ambitious goal of ten tour dates a month, the band is doing anything but slowing down.

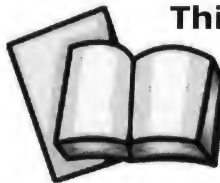
Whereas some bands crumble after going through hard times, the men of .here today, have thrived. Perhaps the best example of this comes from the refrain of their song "Prodigal," in which the band simply proclaims, "I'm still here."

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Editor's Top Five Picks*

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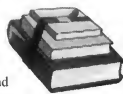
1. "Green Eggs and Ham" By Dr. Seuss

I would eat them with a mouse, in a house, in a boat, and especially with a goat. "Green Eggs and Ham" has been a staple in children's lives since 1976. While meant for the new reader, it is also a tale of self-realization and enlightenment. Next time you ask yourself "Would I, could I, on a train?", you may find the answer on one of these eccentric yet colorful pages. With translations in Spanish and Latin (even the Roman kids can't get enough), 50 simple words never sounded so good.



2. "Nice Girls Don't Get The Corner Office 101" By Lois P. Frankel, Ph.D.

Frankel is an executive coach who has worked with Fortune 500 companies to improve the professional behavior of employees. The chapters are divided into sections explaining the unconscious behavioral mistakes women make in the work environment. Mistake 27, feeding others: "Unless you're Betty Crocker, there shouldn't be home-baked cookies, M&Ms, jelly beans, or other food on your desk. Hillary Rodham Clinton may have been lambasted for her comment about not staying home and baking cookies, but her point was well taken." Definitely a must read for those career-oriented women and future female senators of the United States.

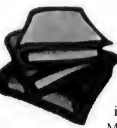


3. "Jane Eyre" By Charlotte Bronte

Oh, Jane. Written in 1847, this novel is a classic among fans of romantic literature. Jane Eyre is an English orphan who later becomes the governess for the much older and mysterious Mr. Rochester. Their romance isn't immediate but develops under the hidden shadow of Rochester's past. This work explores the themes of betrayal, independence and forgiveness through Bronte's exquisite writing. "Jane Eyre" is perfect for hopeless romantics and those easily tortured by emotionally-driven plot lines.

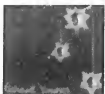
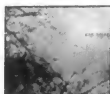
4. "Amusing Ourselves to Death" By Neil Postman

After reading this book you may never feel the need to turn on your television again. Postman highlights and criticizes the absurdities in television content that viewers are constantly subject to. He addresses the notion that every aspect of television programming is formulated to be a source of entertainment for viewers. In other words, most of the information we receive through the television is essentially ridiculous and useless. Political, religious and cultural figures are on TV to put on a show while trivial information is disseminated on a daily basis. Made me wonder: Why take an active role in public discourse when you can learn about Paris Hilton's favorite accessories instead?



5. "To Kill A Mockingbird" By Harper Lee

Scout Finch is an 8-year-old girl growing up in a small town in Alabama during the years of the Great Depression. Her father, Atticus, is a local lawyer asked to defend an accused rapist in a racially charged case. The book, while written from Scout's point of view, outwardly tells the tales of carefree children as it addresses the heavier issues of racial and class conflict. Lee's writing is both whimsical and serious without being erratic or edgy. This is somewhat of a slow read, but not to be mistaken for boring. Those who have not read this book are missing out on an American classic.



New CDs This Week

1. The Dears: "No Cities Left"
2. Richard Youngs: "Naive Shaman"
3. The Rolling Stones: "Bigger Bang"
4. Johnny "Guitar" Watson: "Funk Anthology"

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1. The
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2. The 40-Year-
Old Virgin



3. The Constant
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Which Professor Would Win In A Fight?

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"[Professor of English, Teresa] Kennedy because I can just picture her shanking somebody."

-Dave Hutchinson,
Senior



"[Associate Professor of English, Garnder] Campbell because he would confound them by quoting Derrida"

-Larissa Mount,
Sophomore



"Kennedy because if it's anything like her lectures she'll win."

-Stefanie Parker,
Junior



"[Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Mehdi] Aminrazavi because he has mystical powers."

-Adam Holofcener,
Sophomore



"I'm no judge of fights, but I would least like to have [Kennedy] mad at me."

-Visiting Assistant
Professor of English,
Brady Earnhart

"Skin" Bares All

By KATY HERSHBERGER
Scene Editor

What starts as a lighthearted scene with an 8-year-old Neil McCormick and his baseball coach playfully pouring Fruit Loops over their heads, soon turns sick as Coach guides the child to the cereal-covered floor and kisses him. Thus begins Gregg Araki's independent film "Mysterious Skin," as well as the most influential summer in his protagonists' lives.

Neil and Coach's relationship continues throughout that baseball season. Though other boys were sometimes involved, most notably

teammate Brian Lackey (Brady Corbet), Neil boasts that he was Coach's favorite. Ten years later, Brian has suppressed the memory and interprets that five-hour gap in time as an alien abduction. Neil's knowledge of what happened, however, has shaped the rest of his life.

He becomes a teenage hustler, and according to his best friend Wendy (Michelle Trachtenberg), "has a bottomless black hole...where normal people have a heart." In their small hometown of Hutchinson, Kan. the young men try to find themselves and each other.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt is amazing as Neil. He is fittingly mysterious and emotive, portraying the beautiful outsider perfectly. This film gives him a chance to show off his acting chops the way "Third Rock from the Sun" never could. Corbet also shines, portraying Brian as aptly awkward and troubled.

"Mysterious Skin," which is based on the novel by Scott Heim, is appropriately unrated. Even scenes without nudity or violence seem vulgar and voyeuristic. We see highly suggestive scenes of sexual abuse that are mercifully just that: suggestive. Though we never actually witness any acts of molestation, the scenes that allude to it are so vivid it makes your stomach churn.

Voice-overs from 18-year-old Neil and Brian

give detailed descriptions of what happened to them as children, without crossing the line of being disgustingly graphic.

Araki masterfully projects the characters' emotions onto the viewer. Whether or not children are involved, the sexual scenes leave you feeling violated and uncomfortable. Brian's search for truth is as frustrating for the audience as it is for him. We can feel how suffling Hutchinson is for the teenagers and why Neil decides to leave. The empathy Araki and his actors draw from the viewer is incredible.

Though the movie as a whole is intense, the characters are fascinating and the story sucks you in. In the same vein as "Requiem for a Dream" and "Boys Don't Cry," you will walk out of this film somber, but satisfied.

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University Helps Out Student Victims Of Hurricane Katrina

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relief efforts are going really well.

"People are really going above and beyond what they can do," Hurt said. "Someone put in a \$100 check. I know as a student I can't afford that much, but people just keep giving. It's really powerful."

COAR is also sponsoring a benefit concert on Friday night in Dodd Auditorium. Anthony Campbell, who, according to a news release from the office of news and information services, won the NBC Today Show "Super-Star" contest, will be performing Friday night at 4:45 p.m. for students, and again at 6:30 p.m. for the general public.

Admission to the concert is free; however, COAR will also sponsor a table outside the auditorium and all

donations will go towards the final check COAR will be writing to the American Red Cross.

"The concert was originally planned on Friday just to break in Dodd Auditorium because of all the new renovations, but [Anthony Campbell] agreed that we could turn it into a benefit concert," Blackburn said.

Psi Upsilon, Mary Washington's underground fraternity, is also working on raising money for hurricane victims. The frat is holding a party tonight, at Central Station, and they expect about 1,000 people to attend. While the exact percentage is unknown, according to vice president Alex Raubichek, the group plans on giving a "substantial amount" of the proceeds to the American Red Cross.

"We gave \$1,700 last year to the tsunami relief fund and I bet we'll give

a lot more this year," Raubichek, a sophomore, said. "We're waiting on the owner of the venue, because he will probably give us some money as a donation also, so we're going to wait until after the party to decide on a dollar amount, but it's going to be a generous portion."

Assistant Professor of English Michael Bibler was involved in the commencement of relief efforts on campus. Bibler, who just recently moved to Fredericksburg after 11 years of living in New Orleans, has strong ties to the area. Bibler is presently housing two friends who fled the area last week, and has room for more.

"I can sort of act as a distant from New Orleans but also a base at the same time," Bibler said.

Bibler said he has seen his old house, which was just outside the

French Quarters, from a satellite image online and it looks unharmed. He said from what he can tell, it looks like the flooding stopped about a quarter-mile from his house, though he is unsure about looting since his house is located right between where the storm hit the hardest and the evacuation point.

Bibler helped to organize COAR efforts on campus, and he is also collecting money from professors in Combs Hall.

Also, Bibler, Professor Nabil Al-Tikriti of the history and American studies department, and the geography department are putting together a forum that, according to geography professor Melina Patterson, is set to be held in 100 Jepson Hall Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m.

The forum will discuss relief efforts, the crisis in general and just

generally all factors discussing the aftermath of Katrina.

Patterson said speakers at the forum will include herself, as she will analyze the hurricane situation as an urban issue, Al-Tikriti, who will talk about his experiences in New Orleans this past weekend, a physical geographer, who will speak about the hurricane in general and why New Orleans is in such a vulnerable spot, and a woman who evacuated from New Orleans and is now living in Fredericksburg, will speak about her experiences there.

Al-Tikriti, who was born and raised in New Orleans said he spent last weekend in New Orleans, assessing the situation with a few other colleagues, and said it will be "hard to know what kind of new New Orleans will emerge out of this."

University officials have also taken a part. In response to Governor Mark Warner's plea to Virginians to consider ways to make a difference, University officials have extended open arms to accept students from the hurricane-affected areas, according to President Anderson's campus-wide e-mail.



Courtesy Jay Pugh/U.S. Navy News

Nicknamed "Camp Restore" by U.S. Navy and Marine Corps personnel, the Marines are using multipurpose utility trucks, forklifts and front-end loaders to clean Hurricane Katrina debris out of the Biloxi streets.

"I Want This Nightmare To End Now"

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these things are going to be there when I go back.

The foundation of who I am has been washed away by Katrina. The moral of the city that I love has died because of Katrina. And I think, that in a way, a part of me has died, too, because of Katrina.

Before the hurricane hit, my friends at Mary Washington were talking to me about this category five hurricane that was headed for my home. But I did not worry—hurricanes in the south are the equivalent of snow storms in the north.

We deal with hurricanes every year, some big, some small and just about every time we have a party in the middle of the storm. In New Orleans, everything is a reason to celebrate.

But now what? We have always banked on the idea that the hurricane was going to miss the city. And it normally does. School is canceled and windows are boarded up, but we generally only see some flooding, harsh winds and people driving around in pick-ups with kegs in the back. The levees keep the city safe from the muddy Mississippi to Lake Pontchartrain. We wait until the storm passes, then life goes on.

Yet, this time, things are different. Those levees that had protected us time and again failed us. The lake that was just a long scenic drive to country houses became the demise of New Orleans.

And for the first time ever, a mandatory evacuation of the city was issued, but not everyone left. Some stayed because they did not want to leave their homes, others stayed because it was riskier to leave, while many people could not leave because they did not have the option. The greater New Orleans area has a population of over a million and all these residents were

asked to evacuate in hours, making Interstate 10 a place to park your car instead of an evacuation route. The damage that was left hours later is something that will leave a permanent mark on the lives of millions and it is possible that the city will never be what it once was.

The images on television are unbearable for me. My friends here at UMW ask if everything is okay, and when I walk in a room they change the channel from the news if I do not want to watch it or cannot watch it. But I cannot avoid what happened—it is everywhere.

I feel guilty because my life here has not been

touched by what destroyed my life there. I feel a sense of responsibility to be there and help restore and build hope in this situation that seems hopeless. I want to stop the looting of homes and stores that were not damaged in the storm to save the little pieces of New Orleans that are left. I want the media to actually respect those who have died and stop using the bodies as headlines. I want this nightmare to end now.

But I think that, above all, I want everyone to know that this will eventually end.

The city will rebuild and recoup from this disaster. And hopefully we will learn from this. The levees need to be higher; the pumps to get the water out of the city need to be stronger, faster. The preparation for the storm needs to be more and the help after the storm, while seemingly effective, shows we have ways to go. The fundraiser on campus makes me smile every time I see it and knowing that everyone is trying their best makes this situation less grim than what it is. Hopefully, families will be reunited and people will heal. And the city that I love will be the lively place that it once was.

And I know that when it is, we will have a party unlike any other to celebrate.

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Camp Dawson Is Refuge For Victims

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residents. The mission of the camp has been named 'Operation Safe Haven.'

West Virginia's Air National Guard delivered supplies to the affected region in C-130 transport planes, which then turned into passenger transports bringing evacuees to Charleston, W.Va. They were then bused three hours to Camp Dawson in Preston County.

The New Orleans residents still wore their triage tags around their necks from Louis Armstrong Airport's temporary hospital.

While their immediate needs have already been met at triage and processing centers, the new residents of Camp Dawson are just beginning to understand their long-term requirements as citizens of the Mountain State.

Besides the recurring thought of clothes, food, and phone cards, the people were evaluated for acute conditions and provided with medication for chronic ailments. Approximately 300 patient visits were made to a medical clinic established by West Virginia University's Department of Family Medicine to care for the evacuees at Camp Dawson.

Clinic director and assistant professor of medicine, David Deci said a wide variety of conditions had been seen at the clinic; however most were infections.

"The patients we have been seeing have had infected wounds, a result of the combination of trauma and environmental conditions present in the area," Deci said. "Our biggest long term issue is prevention of disease in the tight barracks.

Everyone will be receiving tuberculosis screenings and hepatitis-A vaccinations."

Thirteen evacuees have been admitted to local hospitals for their conditions.

As refugees arrived on Sunday afternoon, most did not speak about their experience, but instead focused on their new homes.

Barry, a New Orleans native, who did not offer his last name, was excited to see the mountains.

"This place is beautiful, absolutely beautiful, and I'm so happy to be here," he said. "I couldn't have asked for a better place to move to."

Local churches are providing childcare at the facility; new toys and games have been provided to the American Red Cross for children to play with. On Sunday afternoon, the children played in eerie silence as they recalled the past week of pain and hunger.

Long term plans for the refugees still remain vague. Operation Safe Haven is expecting to provide shelter for the next month, according to a public information fact sheet provided by the state's Department of Health and Human Resources. The goal is to have evacuees find shelter with family members or in West Virginia communities.

Shaun Jurgens, a University of Mary Washington alumnus and Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Deputy, volunteered at Camp Dawson on Sunday. He assisted newly arrived evacuees to their bunks inside barracks on the base.

"A tragedy like this makes people more color blind," Jurgens said. "If there is anything good to come of this, it is the realization of how similar everyone is and how we all need basic things."

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Viewpoints

New Orleans Needs Less Talk, More Action

By KATE PARIS
Guest Columnist

Last week as we started our semester, Hurricane Katrina, a category-five storm, was wreaking havoc on the Gulf Coast. Weather and emergency officials warned of possible damage and issued a mandatory evacuation for many areas, but no one could anticipate the catastrophic loss of life and the destruction of millions of homes.

I have spent the last week glued to my television and computer screen, looking at the horrific scenes of destruction and not being able to believe what I am seeing. The groups of people huddled together without food or water, chanting, "Help!" to the news cameras was heartbreaking and something we are not accustomed to seeing within the borders of the United States.

These are our fellow Americans. This could just as easily have been us.

A week has passed and there is still no clear estimate as to how many lives were lost and how many are still awaiting rescue. Even the tens of thousands that were rescued still face years of recovery.

Victims are staying in shelters and desperately looking for family members and counting the days until they can go back to what used to be their homes, in the hopes of finding some of their possessions. The looting and rioting that occurred in parts of New Orleans in the days following the storm simply added to the despair that the victims were experiencing.

Over the last several years, our country has become more and more divided. From a heated

presidential election, to an unpopular war, to matters of religious tension, our country has focused on many divisive issues. For months after the events of Sept. 11, the country placed the necessary attention on the victims and their families. Here we are only days after another national tragedy and already the focus has shifted from the victims to who is to blame.

Perhaps it is because we are having trouble comprehending such a tragedy without a terrorist group to blame. However, the president did not cause the hurricane, nor did Congress or the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This was out of human control. It is much easier to point fingers than to fix the problem at hand.

In a few months, it would be conceivable to appoint a Sept. 11 type commission to assess the failures in planning and recovery, but for now let us focus on the essentials. Although the majority of Americans may not feel as personally affected by Hurricane Katrina as they did after Sept. 11, we need to come together and rally around our fellow citizens.

At this point, we need to stop looking for someone to blame and start looking for some way to help. The American Red Cross is accepting donations to help with the recovery effort in the disaster zone. If every student at Mary Washington gave a few dollars, we could raise over \$10,000. We do not need celebrities and sports stars telling us the right thing to do. We do not need to get political. Take a break from all of the "what ifs" and the blame game. All we have to do now is help.

Kate Paris is a senior majoring in political science and Tetris.

Shut Up And Learn

By KATIE TELLER
News Editor

I have an important issue to address this week. I mean, it's not super-important, like Hurricane Katrina or George Bush's recommendation for John Roberts to be Chief Justice. But as the voice of the people, I feel I need to address talkers in class. (Maybe that whole voice-of-the-people thing is just a delusion of grandeur, but you know.) I digress. Talkers: You know who they are. They come in several forms.

—The teacher-corrector. This is the most nefarious type of classroom talker. The offender will chime in to correct the teachers when they incorrectly say the most obscure facts, the most unimportant tidbits of information. (For example, the teacher tells the class that so-and-so flew the Enola Gay over Hiroshima at 3,000 mph. The corrector says, "It was actually 2,723.8 mph." Vital information? I think not.)

—The one who knows all the answers. It

doesn't matter what the question is, he'll answer it, no matter how hard or how easy it is. The teacher can ask what the speed of light is on Jupiter, or ask rhetorically what color the sky is, and the know-it-all will jump in with his reply.

—The whisperers. "Psst-psst, oh my God, oh no she didn't!" It's annoying and it's obnoxious. Just stop.

A lot of people are in school to learn something, not to hear the unending comments from the peanut gallery. More people, though, I suspect—and I'm one of them—are in school just to get a degree to avoid a fate of working at McDonald's forever, and we'd like the classroom experience to run as smoothly as possible. So show your classmates a little respect. Our teachers don't get paid very much, because they work for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The least you can do is show a little respect.

Katie Teller is a senior who can't freaking wait to graduate.

Save Social Security

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it to their rich stockbroker friends on Wall Street. Furthermore, the Wall Street fat cats can't wait to take your money: "The Washington Post" reported on February 13, 2005 that the financial services industry has formed a broad lobbying coalition which is prepared to spend over \$200 million to help Bush destroy Social Security.

George Bush has spent his presidency ruining the economy and turning this great country into a corporate playground. He has already given Halliburton a no-bid contract in Iraq, at the

expense of American taxpayers. His 2003 Medicare bill, which prohibited the importation of cheap, safe, and effective drugs from Canada, was a gift to his friends in the prescription drug industry, at the expense of American taxpayers. All patriotic Americans have a duty to stand up to George Bush and demand that just this once, he do his job and serve those he was elected to serve, the American people.

Joe Katz is a junior who was once almost arrested for being a bad dancer

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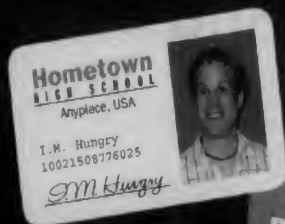
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Eagles Drop Second Straight

Field Hockey Has Frustrating Season Start

By STEPHANIE POTTER
Staff Writer

The Mary Washington field hockey team fell in their second straight game of the season Saturday, losing to Lebanon Valley College by a score of 2-0.

The Flying Dutchmen's Stephanie Marguglio scored their opening goal just two minutes into the game, setting the tone and preparing the Eagles' defense for a fight.

The heated battle intensified as they shot nine more times, with a potential goal being called by the referees at 11:44. The goal was revoked, but the Dutchmen pushed on.

With just 4:30 left in the first half, the Eagles' defense fought to keep them from scoring again, getting into several heated struggles and pushing them back long enough not to score.

"Our problem this week was that we weren't connecting," senior forward Brynn Maguire said of the Eagles' performance versus Lebanon Valley.

Senior midfielder Caitlin O'Leary agreed.

"Our performance on Saturday didn't show our true talent," she said. "However, we are looking forward to the upcoming games. It's early in the season, and [things are] just going to come with time. We have a lot of potential and are really hard workers."

The Eagles' defense was back in action during the second half, blocking nine shots and having two penalty corners to Lebanon Valley's five.

The Flying Dutchmen scored an insurance goal at 21:27, the last of the game. Despite the loss, Mary Washington goalkeeper junior Katherine Brown made 10 saves to Lebanon Valley's three, but Lebanon Valley outshot UMW 19-3.

UMW's luck changed yesterday when they won their first game of the season, shutting out CAC opponent Goucher College with a score of 6-0.

Six different Eagles scored against Goucher, which bodes well for Mary Washington's offense.

An assist from Maguire set up a goal for junior forward Jena Elliott just fifty-one seconds



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Several UMW field hockey players attempt to gain control of the ball against Lebanon Valley in a scuffle around the goal on Saturday. The Eagles were unable to pull out a win in the first two games but shut out Goucher College yesterday 6-0 for their first win of the season.

into the game, setting the tone for the rest of UMW's play.

The other five goals of the game were scored by Maguire, sophomore Meredith Marconi, O'Leary, freshman Mandy Thompson, and sophomore Stefani Lovley.

UMW dominated from start to finish, with possession of the ball for the majority of the game. The Dutchmen had only one shot attempt

against goalkeeper Brown, while the Eagles kept Goucher busy with 28 shots.

After a much-needed victory, the Eagles are optimistic about the future.

"I feel like we have already made progress from our

last two games just in practice," Elliott said.

Maguire agreed. "It's the beginning of the season, we are all

still trying to click," she said. "Now we know what we need to work on and look forward to starting conference play on a better note. I'm not saying those games weren't important, but last year [the College of New Jersey's] women's lacrosse team began their season 0-2 and ended up National Champs. I believe that we have what it takes to get where we want to go, and it starts now."

Maguire's performance will be pivotal this year if the Eagles want a trip to NCAA tournament in November.

Maguire made many competitive All-American lists last season after scoring 22 goals, one shy of the school record, and adding six assists to finish in the top ten nationally in scoring.

After an uplifting first win for the season, UMW will try to put another check in the win column when they travel to York College of Pennsylvania on Saturday at 1 p.m. for another CAC showdown.

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Women's Soccer Splits Tournament

By AMANDA BURNHAM
Assistant Sports Editor

The University of Mary Washington women's soccer team opened their season at the Gettysburg College Players' Cup tournament this weekend with a 1-1 split, falling to the University of Rochester on Saturday 1-0, and defeating Ithaca College 2-1 on Sunday.

Overall, Head Coach Kurt Glaeser is very pleased with his team's performance for a variety of reasons.

"I'm really happy with the effort for most of the weekend," he said. "I'm also very pleased because this made us well aware of what things we need to work on."

One of the things the Eagles will have to improve upon is adjusting faster to the game.

With a roster of 22 players, 11 of them freshmen and one of them a transfer, the collegiate speed of play came as a surprise to some players, according to Glaeser.

"With Rochester having already played together for three or four years, they were a very quick and organized team who could process the game a lot quicker than we could," said Glaeser.

The Eagles were outshot 12-2 in the game, but freshman goalkeeper Laura McCarthy played hard with seven saves for the Eagles.

On Sunday, the team went into an overtime game to eventually win 2-1 over Ithaca.

Freshman Hannah Pearson scored her first collegiate goal with 9:30 on the clock off of assists from junior Jaclyn Gebbia and senior Jacqui Forsythe to put the Eagles ahead 1-0.

"[Forsythe] took a corner kick, crossed it to [Gebbia], who knocked it to me, and I just had to be at the far post to tap it in," said Pearson. "It was great, the whole team was finally starting to play together, and it resulted in us getting a goal."

Glaeser was very happy with Pearson's performance against Ithaca.



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Head coach Kurt Glaeser smiles for a team picture.

"[Pearson] showed a lot of composure as we put her in a brand new position, and she was comfortable enough to complete a goal," he said. "She showed a lot of grit and composure as well as soccer sense."

Ithaca returned the favor, scoring at 60:59 on the clock, and forcing overtime with the score 1-1 at the end of regulation.

Freshman Katie Patchett scored the winning goal for the Eagles at 2:58 in overtime.

"[Freshman] Kelley Hardgrove won the ball at the half field and I was at the front to receive her pass to knock it in," said Patchett. "I think the weekend went really well and we have a great season coming up, we have a lot to look forward to with all of our talent."

According to Glaeser, other key players in the game included senior Heather Hapeman and sophomore Margaret Vaccaro on defense, as well as senior Amy Kingsbury and goalkeeper McCarthy, who recorded six saves for her first win in the net.

After the weekend tournament, Glaeser knows what he and his team need to focus on for the rest of the season.

"We need to work on taking some of the pressure off of our defense," said Glaeser. "Along with the defense, the scoring in the second game clearly demonstrated the talent that we have available, but we just

have to get more comfortable out on the field together at game speed, and learn where to put the ball on offense."

The Eagles will host their UMW Soccer Classic this weekend, competing against Elizabethtown College on Saturday and Moravian College on Sunday.

According to Glaeser, the Eagles are looking forward to the challenge.

"Both teams that we are playing this weekend should provide some pretty solid competition," said Glaeser. "Just because some of these teams that we have coming up aren't ranked in the top 20 doesn't mean that we can take them lightly."

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Sports

Men's Soccer Falls Short



Dan Coo/The Bullet

By DAVE GLOVER
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team kicked off their season this weekend at the UMW Soccer Classic, falling behind early to Gettysburg 1-0.

However, it did not take long for the Eagles to respond. In the twelfth minute, senior defender Andrew Shin connected on a perfectly executed free kick by junior Tommy Park.

The rest of the game featured countless close calls, missed opportunities and brilliant saves by junior goalie Elliott Jones, who racked up six saves on seven shots. The game's score remained deadlocked at 1-1 through two overtimes, leaving UMW unsatisfied with a tie. "I think the key word for this weekend was opportunity," said injured sophomore Ross Berge. "If we can capitalize on our shots on goal we will be okay."

The second game pitted UMW against Lynchburg College and shades of Saturday's outcome carried over to Sunday. Lynchburg scored after less than two minutes of play, as junior Brandon Flowers sneaked a defensive pass through the outstretched hands of Jones.

Fifty-one seconds later UMW evened the score off a chip shot from junior Chris Dolan. UMW had a number of chances to score, but could not seem to finish. This eventually became problematic when Lynchburg freshman Shane Booden knocked in the game-winner on a deflection off of Jones' rib cage.

The final score was 2-1, in favor of Lynchburg.

"I think the team played pretty well as a whole, but it is clear we have a lot to work on," Berge said, summing up the weekend. "Finishing in front of the goal was a major problem and the freshmen are still getting used to our 4-4-2 formation, but overall I think we have a lot to be proud of."

The team is currently playing through a multitude of early injuries. Nine current players are spending additional time in the trainer's room. Shin is playing through a broken hand and staples in his head.

After dropping another game to Eastern Mennonite yesterday with a score of 1-0, UMW will travel to Montclair State University on Saturday to look for their first win.

Junior midfielder Bryan Hargrove struggles in mid-air to gain possession of the ball from Gettysburg College on Saturday. The Eagles tied Gettysburg 1-1 in game one before falling to Lynchburg 2-1 on Sunday and Eastern Mennonite University yesterday 1-0.

Rugby Upsets #1 Ranked UVA

By AMY KINGSBURY
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington Mother's Rugby team descended on the University of Virginia Cavaliers and inflicted an early season blow in their Virginia Rugby Union match last Saturday 22-20, thanks in large part to a creative offense and an unrelenting defense.

Mothers Rugby President junior Mike Moscarelli had mixed feelings about the game.

"Overall I thought we played well for our first match," he said. "Obviously we can't be disappointed with a win, but it is clear that we have the potential to play at a much higher level."

Aggressive from the start, the Rugby Club took early control of the match with a successful try on a 20-meter sprint from senior winger Matt Weller in the second minute of the game.

Weller banked another try on a 25-meter sprint and junior winger Graig Superina carried in a good ten meter try, but UMW failed their three conversion opportunities.

As halftime approached, UVA scored on two

penalty kicks bringing the score to Eagles 15, Cavaliers 6.

Entering the second half, the Mothers' play was sluggish as UVA retaliated early with a score and conversion bringing the score to 15-13.

Regaining confidence and changing the momentum of the game, UMW senior winger Miles Goodloe turned the outside corner on UVA to score off a 35-meter sprint. Moscarelli converted the kick to bring the score to 22-13.

Despite offensive drives, including a scored try with a successful conversion from the UVA forwards in the last ten minutes, intense defense

from the Eagles' end secured their 22-20 victory.

Coach Jeff Kline was pleased with the outcome of the game.

"Our win makes us feel pretty good right now, particularly because we were ahead all the way

and scored four tries to their two," he said.

The Eagles recently prepared for this season's tough schedule with a week-long training camp consisting of practices twice a day. The Rugby Club also

watched films every day under the instruction of legendary English coach Dave Thomas. Thomas, who teaches at the Rugby Academy in Cornwall, England, has been coaching the University of

Mary Washington's rugby training camp for the past three years.

According to senior scrumhalf Grant Lahmann, Thomas has been a vital part of the team.

"Having [Thomas] around for the past three years, most of the seniors have essentially 'grown-up' on the field with him, even though he only comes out once a year," said Lahmann. "He's made us a much more solid team."

After going undefeated in VRU D-II league last season, the Mothers are looking to go further in this season's Mid-Atlantic Rugby Football Union (MARFU) Regional Playoffs.

The Mothers are taking this season on a game-by-game basis but have high hopes and expectations of repeating their regular season performance from last year.

"The way we're playing, if we keep it up we could easily make it to the national tournament," Lahmann said. "But we don't like to get over excited, we're a one-game-at-a-time team."

The Mothers have to opportunity to avenge their 2004 MARFU first round loss to longtime rivals Georgetown this Saturday at Hanover Street Rugby Field at 2 p.m.



Upcoming Events

Sept. 10 - Women's Soccer vs. Elizabethtown, 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 11 - Women's Soccer vs. Moravian, 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 14 - Men's Soccer vs. Randolph-Macon, 4 p.m.

Athlete of the Week

Freshman soccer player Kristin Stankus scored the winning goal against Eastern Mennonite yesterday.